

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1-3 (Canceled)
4. (New) An apparatus for a roulette wheel, comprising:
a roulette wheel with numbers and compartments;
a housing configured for the roulette wheel to rotate inside the housing; and
a structure for illuminating the roulette wheel,
wherein, the structure is located in the upper part of the housing and locally illuminates the roulette wheel.
5. (New) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the structure further comprises:
an optical ring;
a support;
a spacer ring;
a band provided with lamps; and
a cover,
wherein the support and spacer ring form a vertical circular slit extending around an upper part of the housing, the band provided with lamps is mounted inside the vertical circular slit, the optical ring is provided along an inner periphery of the spacer ring, and the cover is placed over the optical ring and the band provided with the lamps.
6. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the band is a flexible printed circuit board with at least two electrically conductive paths connected to the lamps.
7. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the optical ring is a transparent material with a circular cross-section configured to diffuse the light emitted by the lamps.

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the lamps are at least one of light emitting diodes and miniature light bulbs.
9. (New) A method for assembling a structure that illuminates a roulette wheel, comprising:
forming a vertical circular slit around an upper periphery of a housing for the roulette wheel with a spacer and a support;
inserting a band provided with lamps in the vertical circular slit;
connecting the lamps of the band to at least one electrical source;
adding an optical ring along an inner periphery of the lamps; and
covering the optical ring with a cover that is fastened to the housing.